Representation from N.E. Railway Majdoor Unions

545: SHRI SAMAN PATHAK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the N.E. Railway Majdoor Unions, situated at Tindharia, in the Darjeeling district;

(b) if so, what are the objects of representation;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to protect, develop and modernize the 'World Heritage'; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Government has proposals to develop DHR (Darjeeling Himalayan Railway) which has been inscribed as "World Heritage".

(d) The details are as under:

- Rehabilitation of Elysia Building has been completed.
- The work of track renewal is in progress. Out of 87 kilometres of track, 37 kilometres has already been renewed.
- Weak bridges have been identified for necessary inputs.
- Upgradation of Tindharia Workshop has also been planned.

Modernisation of stations in Delhi

†*546. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether money has been allocated for the modernisation of various railway stations and essential infrastructural facilities provided in the country specially in capital Delhi during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof as on date for the last three years?

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†Originai notice of Question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) The works of modernisations and providing essential infrastructural facilities are mainly charged to Plan head "Passenger Amenities". The allocation/expenditure of funds under this plan head during the last three years is as under.

(Fig. in crore of rupees)

Year	Allocation (Budget Estimates)	Expenditure
2003-04	205.00	181.19
2004-05	215.05	222.72
2005-06	222.15	256.23 (Prov.)

However, the allocation during the last 3 years for stations in Delhi Area are as under:

Year	Allocation
2003-04	Rs. 17.41 cr.
2004-05	Rs. 26.93 cr.
2005-06	Rs. 28.09 cr.

In addition, improvements at stations are also carried out as a part of Doublings, Traffic Facility works, Gauge Conversions, Computerisation etc. under relevant Plan Heads.

Integral coach factory at Perambur

547. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Integral Coach Factory at Perambur in Chennai set-up 50 years ago produce less number of coaches than the factory set up at Kapurthala in Punjab recently;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to produce more number of coaches by coach factory at perambur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Installed production capacity of Integral Coach Factory (ICF) is 1000 coaches per annum. The number of coaches manufactured depends on installed capacity and product mix. ICF is manufacturing more than 1000 coaches with varied mix as per requirement